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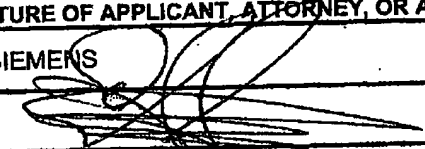
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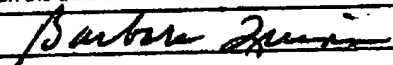
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This response is filed in response to the restriction requirement mailed on August 25, 2005. The Examiner has indicated that the application contains claims directed to patentably distinct subject matter: 1) a method and apparatus for controlling blade tip clearances wherein a mixing valve is operated manually; 2) a method and apparatus for controlling blade tip clearances wherein a mixing valve is operated automatically. The Examiner has required that the Applicant select a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits.

The Applicant respectfully elects, without traverse, to prosecute the method and apparatus for controlling blade tip clearances wherein a mixing valve is operated automatically and submits that claims 1-10, 12-14, 16, and 18 read thereon and are properly presented for examination. The Applicant reserves the right to pursue the non-elected claims at a later time.

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